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President's Shpiel

by Kim Sheintal

Don't miss the "Write Your History Now" program with Mike Karsen. Karsen is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, current President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois, author of the JewishGen website "Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland" and has published many articles on genealogy.

With my Chicago roots dating back to the late 1800s, I especially look forward to having someone knowledgeable in Chicago research giving the presentation. In addition, I am writing a history book. My book will tell the history of the Jews of Sarasota-Manatee through photos.

Having moved to Sarasota from the Chicago area in 1971, I was unaware of the many achievements of the Jews in Sarasota-Manatee in the early and mid-1900s until I began my research. I read about the successes of Jews in Sarasota-Manatee in books, newspapers, and synagogue bulletins. These "papers" gave me an excellent overview of the many accomplishments of local Jews, but talking to "people" raised in Sarasota-Manatee in the early half of the 20th century gave me the emotional and very personal insight of the local Jewish history. It has been a thrilling experience for me to look at family photos with the people who had Jewish roots in this area over 75 years ago and reminisce with them.

Who Do You Think You Are

The third season of *Who Do You Think You Are* is exploring the family histories of Martin Sheen, Marisa Tomei, Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Rob Lowe, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson, Edie Falco, Rashida Jones, former NFL running back Jerome Bettis, Jason Sudeikis and Paula Deen. This season's series started Friday, February 3 at 8 PM/7PM. (<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>)

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MEETING

Sunday, March 18, 2012 (1:00 PM)

Kobernick House

1951 N. Honore Ave., Sarasota

Program: Mike Karsen

presents "Write Your Family History NOW!"

For details, Kim Sheintal 921-1433, <klapshein@aol.com>

Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research Seminar with Leslie Albrecht Huber

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Faith Lutheran Church

4005 Palm Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Registration Fee for SWFLGG Member is \$30.00

Registration for SWFLGG Non-Member is \$35.00

Ms. Huber is an award-winning freelance writer and speaker who has written nearly one hundred articles that have been printed in over twenty different publications. She has won first place in both of the only two national family history writing contests and has published her first book, *The Journey Takers*, culminating her ten year research journey. During that time she spent countless hours in libraries and archives across the country and the world. She walked in her ancestor's hometowns in Germany, Sweden and England and followed their steps in the US across the Oregon Trail to Utah. Ms. Huber has a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's in Public Affairs. She has worked as a professional genealogist tracing German families, both for a large company and in her own business. We believe seminar attendees will learn much from Ms. Huber's experiences.

Send your check payable to *Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Inc.* or "SWFLGG" and send with your registration to Carol Brown, 701 Aquí Esta Dr. #116, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, no later than March 5, 2012 to include Buffet Luncheon.

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Finding Your Ancestors and How They Lived Using City Directories

By Howard Margol

An active member of our Jewish Genealogical Society of Georgia, Sandi Goldsmith, heard that I was planning a trip to Jacksonville, Florida, the place of my birth and where I had lived for forty-one years. She asked if I could do a little research for her, during my time in Jacksonville, and I was only too glad to oblige.

Arthur, the husband of Sandi Goldsmith, had an ancestor named Edward Buckey. Edward had two brothers living in Jacksonville, Florida using the surnames BUCKY and BUCKI. Edward had lived in Jacksonville, with his brother J.D. Bucky, for a few years after the Civil War before moving elsewhere. J.D., and his brother Louis, remained in Jacksonville. Sandi requested that I try and obtain burial information about Louis Bucki. She knew that his brother, J.D., had been a member of Ahavath Chesed Synagogue and she was hoping that Louis had also been a member of that same synagogue.

After arrival in Jacksonville, I visited "The Temple" (Ahavath Chesed), the main reform synagogue that had been established in 1882. To my surprise, I learned that the synagogue had a burial record of every one of its members since the synagogue was originally formed. My excitement at learning of this was soon dampened when I was told that the records were packed away and would not be available for six to twelve months. Extensive remodeling and expansion of the synagogue was taking place and, sure enough, construction equipment and material were everywhere.

Disappointed at my lack of success in acquiring copies of records for Sandi, I did the next best thing in obtaining the necessary information so she could contact the synagogue at a later date. The following day, I went to the main library in downtown Jacksonville in the hope of finding something for Sandi so I would not return to Atlanta empty handed.

Once in the genealogy department of the library, I had to decide what my plan of action would be. I knew the Federal census records for Jacksonville were there, on microfilm, but decided against perusing those. Sandi could view those records right there in Atlanta at the branch of the National Archives in Morrow, Georgia. I then decided to look at the Jacksonville city directories and see if I could find anything there. To my surprise, and delight, the directories turned out to contain a goldmine of information. Following, are the conclusions I reached about the life and times of those families based on the information in the Jacksonville City Directories. Generally speaking, city directories are one of the most over-looked resources by genealogists even though some city directories have been around since the 1700's. In many instances, they can prove to be extremely valuable.

The first mention of Jacob D. Bucky was in the 1870 edition of Webb's City Directory. He and a partner by the name of Levi had a firm of some kind on Adams St. In 1871, J.D. Bucky owned a dry goods establishment on Bay St. and a home on Monroe St. Also in 1871, his brother Louis Bucki is mentioned for the first time. He, and a partner Drew, owned a steam saw mill in Ellaville, Florida with an office in Jacksonville:

Withlacoochee Steam Saw Mill Co. – Drew & Bucki, proprietors, Ellaville, FL.

The next issue of the city directory covered the year 1876. Jacob D. Bucky apparently upgraded his wares as his store changed from "dry goods" to "clothing and gents' furnishings". Louis Bucki was still in the lumber business but now he appeared to be living in New York City instead of in Jacksonville.

The situation for Jacob D. Bucky appeared to be the same up to and including the final issue of Webb's City Directory in 1887. However, in 1887, the first issue of Richard's City Directory was published and a major change had occurred in the business life of J. D. Bucky. One of his sons, Albert J. Bucky, had become an agent for rubber stamps and another son, Frederick W. Bucky, was a cashier. Both worked at their father's store and lived in his home at 35 W. Monroe Street. Apparently, the two sons had become old enough to become active, in the business, on a full time basis.

In 1882, Louis Bucki appeared to be prospering as he and his partner, Drew, purchased a steam ship, named it the "Louis Bucki", and started a shipping line transporting goods from Jacksonville to New York. They still owned the steam saw mill with offices in Jacksonville and in New York. In 1887, a major change also occurred in the business life of Louis Bucki. Drew was no longer his partner and Louis' son, Charles, was now running the company. (Later, it was learned that Louis Bucki had died in 1886).

Page 224 - AHAVATH CHESED (Lovers of Justice) New Hebrew Congregation. The officers were not elected when this book went to press. Measures for the immediate building of a synagogue in this city will at once be taken.

1886 - AHAVATH CHESED SYNAGOGUE – built in 1882 at a cost of \$9,000. Dedicated September 8, 1882. (no Bucki or Bucky listed as an officer or trustee).

In 1891, Jacob D. Bucky still owned the clothing establishment on Bay St. However, he had become the president of Ahavath Chesed Synagogue and was probably less active in his business on a daily basis. His son, Albert, had become the manager of the store, Frederick was still the cashier, and another son, Daniel, had become active in the business as a clerk. From this, one can assume that Albert was either the eldest of the sons or the most capable, and a third son, Daniel, had become old enough to work in the business.

Also in 1891, a change occurred in the business of Louis Bucki & Son. Louis's son Charles, was living in Ellaville where the lumber mill was located, and they had an agent, W. F. Coachman, in Jacksonville. After 1892, Louis Bucki & Son were not listed in any of the Jacksonville city directories.

In 1892, Jacob Bucky and his sons were no longer living in the house on Monroe St. but were living instead at Tremont House, apparently a hotel or boarding house. After that, they each lived at various boarding houses and/or hotels.

In 1896, Jacob D. Bucky Clothing was replaced by J.D. Bucky's Sons (A.J. and F.W. Bucky), boots & shoes, 7 & 9 E. Bay Street. Apparently, two of the sons had taken over the business from their father. Jacob D. Bucky is listed as being in the lumber business so possibly; he took over the Jacksonville operation of his brother Louis's business or at least worked for him. After 1896 no mention is made of Jacob D. Bucky. Sandi tells me that later in life; J.D. Bucky remarried, lived in New York, and died there. This probably explains why he is not listed in the Jacksonville directory after 1896.

As you can see, the information contained in the city directory proved to be invaluable. The life and history of the Bucky and Bucki families in Jacksonville can be reconstructed and brought to life. Advertisements in the city directories, by the Bucky and Bucki businesses, also enable one to paint a picture of the Bucky/Bucki families. In addition, it illustrates the importance of the genealogical importance of city directories – a resource that is largely ignored and too little utilized.

To see a photograph of the Bucki Lumber Mill in Ellaville, Florida go to the following URL on the internet:
<http://fcit.coedu.usf.edu/florida/photos/industry/lumber/0865.htm>

Howard Margol is a Past President of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS). Presently, he is organizing his 19th group trip to Lithuania, and surrounding area, for 2012. <http://www.litvaktrip.peggyspage.org/>

Finding Your Roots: A 10-Part Series on PBS Premiers March 25, 2012

Finding Your Roots” is a new genealogy series with historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Each episode will feature two "famous" people in the one-hour episode, including Barbara Walters, Martha Stewart, Kevin Bacon and others.

<http://www.clicker.com/tv/finding-your-roots-with-henry-louis-gates-jr/>.

For more information about this series, go to Dick Eastman's newsletter (Eastman Online Genealogy newsletter).

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/01/finding-your-roots-a-10-part-series-on-pbs.html

2012 Spring Seminar The U.S. Federal Census presented by George G. Morgan

Saturday, March 24, 2012 (9:15 am - 2:30 pm)
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
4141 DeLeon Street in Fort Myers, Florida
Fee: \$20.00

With the upcoming April release of the 1940 U. S. Federal Census, the Lee County Genealogical Society invites you to hear George G. Morgan discuss the importance and value of this historical record. George is an internationally recognized genealogy expert, author and co-producer of The Genealogy Guys Podcast on the internet.

You must pre-register by March 17, 2012

Price includes boxed lunch and beverage.

Lectures will include:

All about the Census: Becoming an Expert

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The 1940 U.S. Federal Census: How to Find Your Family

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Michael Goldstein, IAJGS President, is pleased to announce the appointment of the 2012 IAJGS achievement Awards Committee and the 2012 Rabbi Malcolm Stern Grant.

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The deadline for submissions is April 17. See www.iajgs.org.

2012 Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers

presented by Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

Part 1 - February 12, 2012 Part 2 - March 11, 2012

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will offer a two-session seminar entitled: "The JGSTB 2012 Guide to Jewish Genealogy Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers" on February 12 (Part 1) and March 11, 2012 (Part 2) at 2:00 PM at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida. Registration will be held at 1:30 PM on both dates. A seminar booklet summarizing all the material to be presented will be provided and will be essential for those able to attend only one of the two sessions.

This seminar will focus on developing the proper approaches and applying the necessary tools, techniques and short cuts to most effectively connect you with your ancestors in the old country. Internet resources as well as local non-internet resources will be emphasized to enable the beginner to discover his or her family history as well as facilitate the experienced researcher in resolving "brick wall" problems. This seminar is an extensive revision of the presentation given two years ago; new genealogical resources and new databases will be demonstrated and all Internet links and sites have been updated.

Dr. Emil H. Isaacson will lead the seminar. Dr. Isaacson has 28 years experience in genealogy and has researched his ancestral roots back seven generations to the late 1700's in Europe. He will share his successful and sometimes unsuccessful techniques.

The course is free to current paid-up members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay. A one-year family membership will be included in the \$25 course fee for non-members. An additional \$10 fee will be charged for seminar materials to defray printing costs, but only one booklet will be needed per couple or family. Annual membership in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay is \$25 per individual or family.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. Early registration is recommended so that sufficient copies of the printed booklet and handouts will be available.

To pre-register for the class, for further information on the organization, or for directions to the meeting, call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

Wonderful World of Websites

<http://www.paris2012.eu/events>

<http://www.jewishphotolibrary.com/>

Jono David photographs synagogues, Holocaust memorials, etc.

<http://www.momentmag.com/moment/issues/2012/02/Alaska.html>

Jews of Alaska

www.movaco.com

search engine limited to only genealogy sites

IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Paris

Dear friends,

Our program is expanding. Every day we receive new exciting proposals. At least 200 hours of lectures and meetings are already scheduled. No time to be bored whatever your area of interest or your language, every hour you will find at least a lecture, a workshop, a film or a SIG meeting concerning this area. And if you really do not find any, why not visit the resource room, the vendor's room or one of our exhibitions?

Make sure to be there on Sunday morning and not to leave until Wednesday evening because our program will start at top speed and the latest lecture on Wednesday night will be no less exciting than the first ones or the ones proposed on Monday or Tuesday.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE? subscribe to the Jewishgen mailing list "2012 Paris conference":

http://www.jewishgen.org/ListManager/members_add.asp

Registration: Look for early bird registration for Paris 2012 at <http://www.paris2012.eu/products>.

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We are pleased to inform you that we have just signed a partnership agreement with the tour operator Joubert Voyages for the organization of genealogical travels before and after the Conference. Several destinations will be available, depending on the number of attendees who will register: Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Hungary, Baltic Countries, but also Portugal or Normandy...

Joubert Voyages will also be able to organize flight and hotel reservations for people who want to travel by themselves to all these countries and provide SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATES TICKETS on French railways (SNCF) and on Air France flights.

You can also now sign for one of the exciting TOURS our guides have planned for you IN PARIS during and after the Conference: www.paris2012.eu

Among the new speakers that have been scheduled: Diana PELTS, Director of Ukraine's Central State Historical Archives in L'viv will be sponsored by the Lucille Gudis memorial Fund, Georg GAUGUSH will be sponsored by the AustriaCzech SIG, Bozena KUBIT, Head of the Ethnography and Silesia Department of the Willa Caro Museum in Gliwice Poland, (formerly Gleiwitz, Prussia) will be sponsored by the GerSig, Nicholas EVANS is sponsored by the UKSig and by the LatviaSig and many other... Want to know more? Go to <http://www.paris2012.eu/events>

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